

April 3, 2006
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham-County Attorney

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham led the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance.

Public comments

Brent Hawks, EMS, thanked the Board for the new outpost stations for EMS. He also thanked Mr. Wood and John Matthews for their hardwork on the project.

Minutes

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting and closed session. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Economic Development-report/update

Bobby Todd, Economic Development Director, reported on the “Wired Grant” program. He stated that BEPCO is developing a transition plan.

Commissioner Phillips commented that Yadkin County is the only county not participating monetarily in the tourism program.

Commissioner Sneed stated Yadkin County had discussed a pledge and decided it would be discussed during the budget process.

Mr. Todd stated the budget is \$60,000 which breaks down to \$7,500 per county.

Mr. Todd informed the Board, that after extensive research, Attorney Graham has concluded the Sara Lee building is not tax exempt. There will be a check reissued back to the county for \$60,000.

The Board discussed the partnership of the Sara Lee building and the creation of YVEDDI Holding Corporation.

Mr. Todd stated BEPCO covers the debt service and maintenance of the building. He also discussed the progress of BEPCO in relation to the contract requirements. BEPCO is meeting the contract specifications.

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$60,000 for YVEDDI Holding to pay the taxes due. Commissioner Phillips seconded.**

Chairman Wooten asked when would BEPCO start paying taxes?

Mr. Todd stated when they take ownership of the building; approximately 2009. They currently pay taxes on personal property.

The Board voted 5-0.

Mr. Todd updated the Board on the Agri-Tourism Grant.

911 Addressing- presentation

Ms. Rachel Boone, Addressing Coordinator, gave a power point presentation. She reviewed her education and work history. She explained the GIS Program (Geographic Information System) and how it benefits the county. She commented that 911 addresses and signs have to be verified and accurate to better serve the citizens of the county.

Social Services-surplus

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to declare a 1999 Ford Taurus and 1995 Crown Vic as surplus (both cars have engines problems) and to advertise them on GovDeals. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Council of Government- resolution

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to adopt the resolution supporting the COG's designation as an Economic Development District. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

A Resolution of the Board of the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

Resolution Supporting the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments' Designation as an Economic Development District

Whereas, Yadkin County, as a member of the Northwest Piedmont region of North Carolina, participated in the preparation of a Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) setting out clear goals for economic renewal and vitality in our area; and

Whereas, completion of this Community and Economic Development Strategy is the first step to our region being designated as an Economic Development District (EDD) by the Economic Development Administration; and

Whereas, designation as an Economic Development District qualifies our county and all the counties within the region for grant funding from the Economic Development Administration; and

Whereas, the WIRED grant obtained by the Piedmont Triad Partnership, with the Northwest Piedmont Council of Government's as a partner agency, will provide opportunities for further economic development projects identified in the Community Economic Development Strategy;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the County of Yadkin hereby endorses the designation of the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments as an Economic Development District.

This resolution is hereby approved by a unanimous vote of the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners on this 3rd day of April 2006.

s/Brady Wooten, Chairman

s/Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Wooten called for a break.

East Bend Fire Department- budget amendment

General Fund

Dept: Economic Development

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
DOT \$1800/EBVFD Paving Grant	1044920-43368	-0-	1,800.00	1,800.00
East Bend VFD Paving (DOT)	1054920-57213	-0-	1,800.00	1,800.00

To record grant amount of \$1,800.00 received from DOT for paving of the East Bend VFD driveway.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Crossroads Mental Health- update/report

David Swann, Director of Crossroads, updated the Board on the changes made by the NC Department of Health and Human Services and the profound effect it will have on Yadkin County citizens, the organizations that provide behavioral health care, other service organizations and Crossroads. The most significant changes are as follows:

- Utilization review of Medicaid will be given to Value Options. This means Crossroads will not be allowed to provide Utilization Management- a critical function in building local systems of care.
- Significant budget reductions in LME funds
- Crossroads chosen as one of the ten LME's to provide regional after-hours screenings/triage/referrals. Service to begin July 1, 2006

- The Governors Budget Office and NCDHHS have decided to withhold State Hospital dollars from local communities to develop community capacity
- Crossroads has received a grant to start a Mobile Crisis Management Service
- Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare Board forms a Merger Investigation Subcommittee

The Board discussed what they could do to help the situation.

Mr. Swann suggested contacting the NCACC encouraging them to amend the Legislative goals adding the hospital down-sizing and the funds associated and expressing the importance of the funds for the communities.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to do a resolution to the NCACC urging them to amend the Legislative Goals agenda by adding the importance of the hospital funds to the communities. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

There was discussion on the direction the State might take with mental health.

Mr. Swann commented eventually the State will take over with no local contact and Value Options reporting directly to the State.

Rex Baity inquired about the ADAP Program.

Mr. Swann stated the Board of Education has agreed to operate the program for two more years.

Jail-budget amendment

Dept: Jail

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Appropriated Fund Balance	1044000-49000	550,468.00	3,569.00	554,037.00
Medical Supplies for Prisoners	1054320-52040	60,905.00	3,569.00	64,474.00

To amend for the doctors' bills at Wake Forest University Physicians that we owe for the emergency treatment of an inmate that was a West Virginia fugitive. This is a negotiated settlement by Jim Graham.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

DOT-resolution for Litter Sweep

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to adopt the resolution in support of the annual Spring Litter Sweep April 17th -30th. Chairman Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

NCACC-meeting

Mr. Wood asked if the Board planned to go to the Annual District meeting on April 11th in Iredell County. Commissioners Phillips and Casstevens stated they would attend.

Water-update

Mr. Wood reported on the water committee meetings with other town officials. There have been discussions on which areas to supply water. Mr. Wood commented that a county wide system would take longer to put in place. The county will have a major say in where and when to place water lines. Mr. Wood reminded the Board of the community and fire department meetings. He reminded the Board that they need to be thinking of costs, incentives and assessment charges.

Chairman Wooten stated the water meetings have been very favorable.

YVEDDI-transportation

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to set a public hearing for April 17th at 7:00 p.m. for the ROAP for 2007. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Swaim reiterated the importance of what Mr. Swann said about mental health.

Commissioner Phillips stated she too is concerned with the Mental Health changes; decrease in funding. The services still need to be provided. She inquired about the cap on Medicaid.

Mr. Wood stated there is talk of capping Medicaid costs for counties; nothing definite, still “playing” with numbers.

Commissioner Phillips commented on the letter from Jeff Higgins announcing his retirement with Forestry. She commended on a job well done.

Commissioner Casstevens spoke about land divisions and the new laws regarding the division of property.

Mr. Wood stated he would check on the issue.

Commissioner Sneed inquired about some land that was rezoned and the owner was charged \$150 by the Planning Board but found later the land was already zoned correctly. He stated the \$150 was not returned to the property owner.

Commissioner Sneed discussed Fall Creek School Road. ***He made the motion to have DOT do a safety study for the road and put up new speed limit signs of 35 mph. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner Sneed inquired about the use of a Sam’s card for a personal purchase. He asked Mr. Wood to check on the issue.

Chairman Wooten inquired about an impact fee.

Mr. Wood stated a county cannot set an impact fee without legislation action.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to be prepared to discuss employee rewards at the next meeting.

Chairman Wooten asked for an update on I-77/Hwy 421 and Hwy 601 water projects.

Mr. Wood stated the Hwy 601 project should be completed in the next two weeks under the current contract, but an expansion is being requested to run waterlines to the winery, if EDA approves.

Mr. Wood stated regarding the I-77/Hwy 421 project, we are waiting on the documents from the Engineer and r-o-w agreements. Attorney Graham will review the information to make sure it covers all issues. There have been some discussions with local businesses on assisting the county with obtaining water and sewer. The preliminary design for sewer lines has been started.

Manager comments

Mr. Wood stated departments have started on the 2006/2007 budgets. The information should be returned to him by the end of next week.

The Board discussed moving the quarterly meeting with the Board of Education. They asked Mr. Wood to contact Dr. Todd.

Mr. Wood reminded the Board that Jack Loudermilk's office would be fixing lunch for the Board today.

Attorney Graham handed out the monthly tax collection report. He also informed the Board that a 52 acre tract would be sold due to delinquent taxes. The Board is not eligible to bid on the property.

Commissioner Casstevens commented on habitual late taxpayers and how the county should be more aggressive in collecting these taxes.

Attorney Graham stated he has been working on income tax issues but now his office will focus more on filing foreclosures.

Chairman Wooten stated we should concentrate on the larger tax amounts before they "drop off".

Attorney Graham stated he had contacted lenders regarding delinquent taxes and that the county would foreclose on the property if not paid.

Commissioner Sneed stated to apply, any legal action applicable, to collect delinquent taxes.

The Board recessed to Jack Loudermilk's office.

Agriculture Extension-report

Jack Loudermilk and Staff served lunch to the Board. He introduced his staff; Marilynn Wells, Family and Consumer Sciences, Phil Rucker, Agriculture-Livestock, Nancy Keith, Agriculture- Dairy, Melissa Staebner, 4-H Youth Development, and Joshua Stamper, Field Crops. The administrative staff included Ginger McGhee and Cathy Sprinkle. The Staff reviewed their job duties and activities.

Mr. Loudermilk commented his office served approximately 15,000 citizens last year.

Chairman Wooten thanked Mr. Loudermilk and his staff for a great lunch.

There was discussion about the wine referendum.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board